

Society



MISS NELLIE JOHNSON,
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Johnson.

WITH the President and Mrs. Wilson lingering at Shadow Lawn and the mercury in Washington thoroughfares lingering among the eighties, the active days of a new season which will be well established before another month rolls around seem still remote. Elsewhere buds are blooming in the perennial, gay rotation and the season waxes, if not brilliant, at least interesting.

While brides and debutantes to whom a Washington season owes its initial note of animation are pre-empting dates which already scatteringly illuminate the social calendar from late October on through December, the re-opening of homes, the rehabilitating of the menage, the selecting of an outfit suitable to the prospective needs of the coming weeks, engross the thought of their more responsible elders. House hunting plays its part annually in the early season's program of many men and women of the Washington world, and until the habitat is found and the chef or cordon bleu who is to uphold its prestige installed, formality is relegated to the background. Representatives of kings and governments are apt at this season to be in the same chaotic state of existence as ensigns and subalterns, and as sympathy makes the world akin, invitations to dine are given and accepted in a spirit not duplicated at any other period of the year. Officialdom is not yet officially here, and one looks for little socially from its representatives until the flag again floats over the White House.

The marriage ten days hence of Miss Margaret Draper and Prince Andrea Boncompagni of Rome, owing to the distinguished position occupied in this country for many years by Miss Draper's family, will have at least a semi-official significance. The wedding guests, who are to be comparatively few in number, will include the representatives of several foreign powers and members of Miss Draper's large and interesting family connection. The ceremony will bring about the first formal gathering of the season, and though Mrs. Draper and Miss Draper, with their usual good taste, are making an effort, owing to the situation in Europe, in which the family and fortunes of the Boncompagni family are so intimately involved, to preserve the utmost simplicity in regard to every detail, the personnel of the assemblage in the far-famed ballroom of the Fraser residence will give much distinction to the winter's preliminary period.

Our border situation has had for several years, off and on, much to do with upsetting the wedding plans of brides and bridegrooms in this service. Dates have been advanced or postponed and wedding attendants changed at the eleventh hour because of sudden orders to some young officer who was to have done peaceable duty on the altar steps as best man or in the church aisles as an usher. Now we have come upon a U-boat situation to further complicate the affairs of Cupid, and there is confusion in the plans of some of the brides and bridegrooms announced for the late autumn. There are debutantes in the service, also, who know not whether they may count upon making their bow this winter in a Washington drawing room or whether their diversions are to be those of an isolated Texan post.

Several of the debutantes of last season are to be regarded as hors de combat when it comes to ballroom and other belated honors. After a first winter of almost unprecedented success and gaiety they have gone back to their studies, and university degrees for the moment have the foreground in their thoughts.

The French ambassador's trophy, the bronze figure covered by many an amateur swordsman of this country, no longer occupies a pedestal in the window of a club-room in Connecticut avenue, and there by hangs a tale, or rather an interesting rumor. The Fencers' Club of Washington, founded some years ago and revived three winters ago, under the inspiration of several celebrated exponents of the gentlemanly sport, including both the French and British ambassadors, has given up the quarters it occupied last winter, and when it again comes to earth, says rumor, it will be in conjunction with the Washington Riding and Hunt Club. The union would add an interesting side to the latter organization, making it the rendezvous of an ever increasing sport-loving element of the Washington world.

The Secretary of War returned yesterday morning from a speaking tour in New England. He will leave again tomorrow to give a series of speeches in New York and Michigan, returning to Washington on October 23. Mrs. Baker will also leave tomorrow for Cleveland, Ohio, where she will spend a week or possibly ten days visiting friends. Mrs. Newton Baker, sr., mother of the Secretary, will remain here with the younger members of the family.

The Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Redfield, who spent the past week at their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., will return to Washington tomorrow.

The first assistant secretary of the interior and Mrs. Andrus A. Jones are spending the autumn in New Mexico, where Mr. Jones is a candidate for the United States Senate. They will not return to Washington until after the election.

The Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Houston have given up the residence in P street which they have occupied since the beginning of the administration, and on Mrs. Houston's return to Washington early in November, will make other plans for the winter.

The Secretary returned Friday from a speaking tour through New England. While away he spent a few days with Mrs. Houston and their children at Woods Hole, Mass., where they have spent the summer and early autumn.

Mr. David F. Houston, Jr., has entered Harvard University and will therefore not return with the family.

Miss Lucy Burleson, who is spending the autumn with her sister, Mrs. Negley, at her home at San Antonio, will return to Washington the last of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Torrence Robinson have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Mary Pearl, and Mr. Charles William Friede, to take place on October 25 at Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church.

Coming Wedding.



MISS ANNE D. HOPKINS,
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nevill Monroe Hopkins.

The Diplomatic Circle.

The charge d'affaires of Austria-Hungary and Baroness Zwiadinek will return to Washington Tuesday from Patchogue, N. Y. Many improvements have been made this autumn to the embassy, which has been without a chateau since the departure of Mme. Dumba, as Baroness Zwiadinek followed her to Austria, only returning to this country early in September.

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The newly appointed ambassador from Japan, Mr. Akamatsu, who arrived at Washington Monday, was accompanied by Maj. Mizumachi, who succeeds Col. Matsuo Itami as military attaché of the embassy.

One of the first hospitalities in diplomatic homes this season will be the dinner which the Russian ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff will give Tuesday evening, October 17, in compliment to Miss Margaret Draper and Prince Andrea Boncompagni, whose marriage takes place the following week. The friendship between Mme. Bakmeteff

and Miss Draper's family is of many years' standing. The ambassador and Mme. Bakmeteff, who returned to Washington from Newport early last week, have motored out to Laurel several times for the season.

The minister of Portugal, Viscount d'Almeida, has returned after spending the summer at Bar Harbor, Me.

The first secretary of the legation of Siam, Mr. Edward H. Loftus, has received word from London of the serious illness of his mother, which may necessitate his sailing for England at an early date.

Mrs. Loftus was called to London a few weeks ago by the illness of her mother, who according to the latest advices is improving rapidly.

The minister of Venezuela returned to the legation yesterday after spending the past ten days at New York.

The counselor of the Russian embassy, Mr. Onon, recently appointed to succeed Mr. Scherbatsky, and Mme. Onon, have arrived at Washington and are staying at the Hotel Lafayette pending the selection of their winter residence.

Capt. Guy Gaunt, naval attaché of the British embassy, was among the interested spectators at the closing of the Piping Rock Racing Association at Locust Valley, L. I., Thursday.

Commander Nomura, naval attaché of the Japanese embassy, has returned after spending ten days in New York.

Mr. William G. Sharp, ambassador to France, has returned to his home in Ohio after spending several days here. The ambassador and Mrs. Sharp, with Miss Sharp and the younger members of the family, will sail from this country for Paris October 21.

Mme. Carbo and the Misses Carbo, widow and daughters of the late Mr. Carbo, one-time minister from Ecuador, have returned to Washington from Braddock Heights, and are at their home in I street.

Baron Akerhielm, who was recently appointed counselor of the Swedish legation, will be joined early in November by Baroness Akerhielm, who sailed from Japan last Sunday. Baron Akerhielm has taken an apartment at 1712 H street, where they will reside this winter.

Mr. Gregory Wilenkin, counselor of state of Russia, temporarily attached to the embassy as financial adviser, recently returned to this country from England, where his young son, Clarence Wilenkin, is in training with an English regiment. Mr. Wilenkin will spend the autumn at New York, and has taken an apartment at the St. Regis. Mrs. Wilenkin, who spent the summer in England, is still abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury of Chestnut Hill will give a New Year dance in the ballroom of their house, 1225 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, December 27, in honor of Miss Katharine C. Lea and Miss Dorothy Emlen Newbold, debutantes.

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